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**FATTER HOGS PROMISED;
CROP CONTRACTS SIGNED**

HOG RAISERS PLEDGE MORE MEAT -- Rude Pravo, No 52, 3 Mar 49

The hog raisers of the farmers' cooperative at Havlickuv Brod have pledged to deliver 89 hogs averaging 110 kilograms each by the time of the Ninth Communist Party Congress 25-29 May, as the result of an average daily weight gain of 75 decagrams per hog during March and April.

The hog raisers of the state farm at Zvonejova pledge that they will fatten 20 of their present total of 58 hogs to a weight of 120 kilograms by the time of the Congress, and the rest will weigh an average of 60 to 70 kilograms, as the result of an average daily weight gain of 60 decagrams within the 31-60 kilogram weight group.

The hog raisers of the Rozkos state farm, who have already delivered 14 hogs, will deliver another 30, at an average weight of 110 kilograms, by the time of the Congress. The other hogs will weigh 60 to 70 kilograms by that time. A daily weight gain of 35 decagrams is pledged in the 30-kilogram weight group, 50 decagrams in the 60-kilogram weight group, and 70 decagrams in the weight group up to 105 kilograms.

The hog raisers of the state farm at Pohled will deliver 25 hogs averaging 110 kilograms each by the time of the Congress. The other hogs will weigh up to 60 kilograms by that time. A daily weight gain of 35 and 60 decagrams is pledged for the weight groups up to 30 and up to 60 kilograms, respectively.

The hog farm at Ceska Bela, which was founded only recently and has only 30 hogs so far, pledges to raise them to an average weight of 80 kilograms by the time of the Communist Party Congress.

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NEW PIG FARM FLEDGED -- Rude Pravo, No 52, 3 Mar 49

The employees of the agricultural section of the KNV (Kraj National Committee) have pledged that they personally will build accommodations for fattening pigs, with a capacity of 500 hogs, at Rankyrova, in honor of the Ninth Congress of the Communist Party 25-29 May.

SPRING PLOWING IN PRAGUE-SOUTH OKRES -- Rude Pravo, No 56, 8 Mar 49

In Prague-South Okres, 204 hectares remain for the spring plowing. The tractors at the okres' disposal will be transferred as needed from one town to another. In Dobrichovice it is necessary to drag 120 hectares, but since there are only 11 horses for this work two tractors from Dolni Mokropsy will help finish the work on time. One tractor from Davle will be assigned to the town of Klinec, where six horses are not sufficient to drag 73 hectares in time. Two tractors from the machine tractor station in Lahovice and two tractors from Slivenec will help to drag the ground in Prestavky; here the nine horses in the town would be insufficient to drag the necessary 166 hectares rapidly. A tractor from Slivenec will also help in plowing in Trnova.

Thus, in view of the well-prepared operating plan of Prague-South Okres, the spring field operations should be completed on time in all towns.

CZECHOSLOVAK TOBACCO -- Rzeczpospolita Polish, No 56, 26 Feb 49

Tobacco plantations in Czechoslovakia cover an area of 6,258 hectares. The largest plantations, 6,020 hectares, are in Slovakia. Moravia has only 228 hectares planted in tobacco and Bohemia, barely 10 hectares. The last tobacco harvest in Slovakia yielded 7,110,500 kilograms of tobacco and in Moravia, 284,190 kilograms.

FARMS PLEDGE EXTRA PRODUCTION -- Rude Pravo, No 51, 2 Mar 49

The workers on the state farms at Chlumec nad Cidlinou have pledged to deliver 4,000 quintals of choice seed instead of the 3,850 quintals called for the plan, in honor of the Ninth Congress of the Communist Party 25-29 May. They also pledged that they would deliver 310,000 liters of milk instead of the 298,000 liters called for by the plan.

Through greater care in hatching operations, the percentage of eggs hatched in the incubators will be increased from 65 percent to 75 percent. Through lowering poultry mortality, 18,000 instead of the planned 17,000 meat chickens will be delivered. Through proper care and improvement of feeding technique, deliveries of eggs will be 40,000 more than the planned 120,000. Through improved care in fattening, an average daily weight gain of 65 decagrams per hog will be attained.

MOST FARMERS SIGN CONTRACTS -- Rude Pravo, No 51, 2 Mar 49

The campaign for the signing of production and delivery contracts by farmers closed on 28 February. A majority of the farmers signed: in Prague Kraj 95 percent, in Ceske Budejovice Kraj 95 percent, in Pilsen Kraj 98 percent, in Karlovy Vary Kraj

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99 percent, in Usti nad Labem Kraj 95 percent, in Liberec Kraj 98 percent, in Hradec Kralove Kraj 100 percent, in Pardubice Kraj 100 percent, in Jihlava Kraj 95 percent, in Brno Kraj 98 percent, in Olomouc Kraj 100 percent, in Gottwaldov Kraj 100 percent, and in Ostrava Kraj 98 percent.

FARMERS SIGN CROP CONTRACTS -- Rude Pravo, No 51, 2 Mar 49

Reports to date indicate that 98.7 percent of the farmers in the Czech Provinces have signed production contracts. This clearly indicates the satisfaction of the peasantry with the crop-contract system.

TRUCK FARM TO BE FORMED -- Rude Pravo, No 51, 2 Mar 49

The "Fruta" state enterprise will establish a vegetable and berry farm in 1949 on the former grounds of the blackberry estate at Lovosice, near the "Fruta" Factory at Lovosice.

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